

Daily Digest

Highlights

House passed H.J. Res. 117, Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6289–S6390

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3537–3552, and S. Res. 554–558. **Pages S6339–40**

Measures Reported:

S. 2170, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the “Hatch Act” to eliminate the provision preventing certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–211)

S. 2389, to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely. **Page S6339**

Measures Passed:

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act: Senate passed S. 3552, to reauthorize the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. **Pages S6370–87**

State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding: Senate passed S.J. Res. 44, granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. **Pages S6387–88**

Foreign Service and Civil Service Professionals: Senate agreed to S. Res. 401, expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals who represent the United States around the globe. **Pages S6388–89**

Measures Considered:

Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed

to consideration of S. 3521, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Page S6289**

Veterans Jobs Corps Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, following any Leader remarks, Senate resume consideration of S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and, notwithstanding Rule XXII, it be in order for Senator McConnell, or his designee, to raise a budget point of order against Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789; that if a budget point of order is raised, the Majority Leader, or his designee, be recognized for a motion to waive the applicable budget points of order; that the time until 12 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, on the motion to waive; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to waive; that if the motion to waive the applicable budget points of order is not agreed to, the cloture motions with respect to Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, and the bill, be withdrawn and the bill be returned to the calendar and the Majority Leader then be recognized; that if the motion to waive is agreed to, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2812, be withdrawn; that all the pending amendments be withdrawn with the exception of Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789; if cloture is invoked, the remaining post-cloture time be yielded back and Senate vote on or in relation to

Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789; that following that vote, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, as amended, if amended; and that if cloture is invoked, the post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; and that following the vote on passage of the bill, the Majority Leader be recognized; If cloture is not invoked on Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn and the bill be returned to the calendar; and that no amendments, motions or points of order be in order to Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789 or the bill other than those listed in this agreement.

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Continuing Appropriations Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when Senate receives H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, it be placed on the calendar; that on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, it be in order for the Majority Leader to move to proceed to consideration of the resolution and file cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution; that if a cloture motion is filed, notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution occur at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark Doms, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Christopher R. Beall, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

William Shaw McDermott, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2017.

Nina Mitchell Wells, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2018.

Deborah Ann McCarthy, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Joan M. Prince, of Wisconsin, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Ted R. Dintersmith, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Lorne W. Craner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years.

Jeffrey Shell, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015.

Jeffrey Shell, of California, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Bruce Carter, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

John Unsworth, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 5, 2018.

Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring November 5, 2012.

Walter G. Secada, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2016.

Stewart M. De Soto, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2016.

Anne J. Udall, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2016.

36 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:03 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6389.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine holding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau accountable, focusing on a review of the semi-annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

QUALITY OF DISABILITY BENEFIT AWARDS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine issues related to the quality of disability benefit awards involving 300 case files of claimants under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplement Security Income (SSI) programs involving initial applications and subsequent levels of appeal, after receiving testimony from Patricia Jonas, Executive Director, Office of Appellate Operations, Debra Bice, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Douglas Stults, Hearing Office Chief Administrative Law Judge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Hearing Office, Thomas Erwin, Hearing Office Chief Administrative Law Judge, Roanoke, Virginia Hearing Office, and Ollie L. Garmon III, Regional Chief Administrative Law Judge, Atlanta Region, all of the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration.

IMPROVING COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improv-

ing college affordability, focusing on a view from the states, after receiving testimony from Camille Preus, Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development Commissioner, Salem; John G. Morgan, Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor, Nashville; Muriel A. Howard, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Washington, DC; and David Longanecker, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Boulder, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1345, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, with amendments.

IMPACTS OF THE CARCIERI AND PATCHAK DECISIONS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of the Carcieri and Patchak decisions, after receiving testimony from Donald Laverdure, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Washington, DC; John Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund (NARF), Boulder, Colorado; and Colette Routel, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 645, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, with amendments.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.